

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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The Fab Lounge, Inc., :
t/a Safari Restaurant :
and Lounge :
4306 Georgia Ave NW : Show Cause
License #90424 : Hearing (Status)
Retailer CT - ANC 4C :
Case #22-CMP-00056 :
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(Failed to Follow a :
Board Order) :
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Wednesday
January 25, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson
Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

COLLIN CENCI, DC OAG
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff
FREZ TEAME, Licensee

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11:11 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, the next case on our calendar is Case Number 22-CMP-00056, Safari Restaurant and Lounge, license number 90424. Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate the rights of the licensee in this case?

MR. ORELLANA: Frez Teame, your access has been elevated. That is all, Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr. Teame? Mr. Teame? Mr. Orellana, has he been unmuted or is that he needs to unmute himself?

MR. ORELLANA: Yes, a request has been sent to unmute. It's upon him to unmute.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, thank you, sir. Mr. Teame, can you unmute yourself? Mr. Cenci, can you please identify yourself for the record?

MR. CENCI: Yes, sir. Collin Cenci, C-O-L-L-I-N C-E-N-C-I, Assistant Attorney General representing the District of Columbia.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, sir. Mr. Teame, can you please identify yourself for the record, sir? Mr. Teame, can you please identify yourself?

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1 MR. TEAME: Yes, I'm stepping away
2 from this noise, sir. One second. Good morning.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
4 sir. Can you please spell and state your name
5 for the record, please?

6 MR. TEAME: Yes, Frez Teame F-R-E-Z
7 and last name is Teame T-E-A-M-E.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your
9 relationship to the establishment, sir?

10 MR. TEAME: I am the owner of the
11 establishment, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, good
13 morning.

14 MR. TEAME: Good morning, sir.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cenci, are
16 there any preliminary matters in this case?

17 MR. CENCI: Yes, Chairperson. I did
18 attempt to contact Mr. Teame before this hearing
19 at the e-mail address of record and also the e-
20 mail address that he provided on the service
21 form; however, both e-mails resulted in a bounce
22 back. I also called the phone number that he
23 identified to contact him on the service form,
24 but he did not pick up. I left a voice mail, but
25 I haven't heard back from him. The Government is

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1 obviously interested in trying to resolve this
2 case without need for a hearing, but I don't know
3 if Mr. Teame has any way that he can provide me
4 some more updated contact information so I can
5 get in touch with him.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Teame?

7 MR. TEAME: Yes?

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You heard the
9 Government has stated that they have been unable
10 to reach you.

11 MR. TEAME: Yeah, I called, I think
12 it's Misty, and provided me with the phone number
13 and I also tried to call the attorney, but
14 unfortunately, we didn't get a chance to
15 communicate. I don't know my e-mail was not
16 working for the attorney, but it works. I get
17 the notification, I got this so I don't know if
18 there was any error on that, but I try on my end
19 as well to call and communicate and to go to the
20 office and resolve this issue before the Board's
21 hearing, but there was no luck.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, this
23 matter is scheduled for a Show Cause Hearing on
24 February 8, 2023.

25 MR. TEAME: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It appears that
2 the parties are in favor of speaking and so, I
3 guess, Mr. Cenci, if you were to put your
4 information in the chat -- Mr. Teame, do you have
5 the contact information for the Government, sir?

6 MR. TEAME: Yes, I do.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
8 if you have the contact information for the
9 Government, can you please then make contact with
10 him because he said he has tried to contact you
11 by e-mail and it bounced back so --

12 MR. TEAME: Yeah.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If the parties
14 are in favor of settling this matter, then I'm
15 just saying that please connect. If this matter
16 can be settled, it can be settled by an OIC --

17 MR. TEAME: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: (Simultaneous
19 speaking.) have the hearing on the 8th. As I
20 said before, the matter is scheduled for a Show
21 Cause Hearing on February 8th at 1:30 p.m. If
22 the parties are generally in favor of settling
23 this matter, then I will state that please
24 communicate and have that occur. If not, we will
25 see you on February 8th at 1:30 p.m. Okay?

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1 MR. TEAME: Yes, sir. I will do that.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
3 questions? All right, okay, thank you.

4 MR. TEAME: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a good day
6 then.

7 MR. CENCI: Thank you.

8 (Whereupon, the proceeding went off
9 the record at 11:16 a.m.)

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